

Appl. No. 09/899,977
Amdt. dated 04 May 2006
Reply to Office action of 14 March 2006

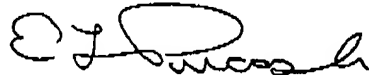
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of species I, claims 70, 71, 100, 120, 135, 136, 143, 147, 152, 160 – 165, 167 – 188, and 196 – 208. Claim 136 is listed as an active claim, but was not identified as belonging to any of the species. Applicants believe that claim 136 reads on species I, and therefore has not cancelled claim 136. The non-elected claims have been cancelled without prejudice. An early Office action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Change of Address

Please note that the undersigned attorney has changed law firms and is now at Jones Day. A Power of Attorney in favor of the undersigned attorney and his new firm was filed on 24 April 2006. A courtesy copy of those papers is enclosed for the examiner's convenience. Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney's address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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